



Selected areas of blown down timber will be removed from the Bull Run Watershed.

Harvest of Bull Run timber reduced

The Forest Service has reduced the amount of blown down timber it wants to remove from the Bull Run watershed.

But a representative of the Bull Run Coalition, an environmental group, is not satisfied with the Forest Service's compromise.

A "final environmental impact statement" for the Bull Run blowdown was released Wednesday, and the "selected alternative" is different than the "preferred alternative" recommended in a draft environmental impact statement last spring.

Both the draft and the final documents focus on 5,190 acres of timber that was blown down in a 1983 wind storm. The Forest Service originally recommended that 2,392 acres be harvested from the area over a four-year period.

The new selected alternative, however, suggests that 1,418 acres be harvested over a four-year period.

The change was made because public testimony favored the reduced harvest as an assurance that water quality would be maintained, according to Bruce McCammon, district hydrologist.

"The overriding management objective for the Bull Run watershed is continued production of

pure, clear, raw, potable water for the city of Portland," said Roger Ogden, who was project leader for the Forest Service on the Bull Run environmental impact statement.

A secondary goal is the protection, management and utilization of renewable resources, which includes timber harvesting.

"We fully intend to monitor our activities so that we continue to manage our timber operations in a manner that will not compromise the quality of water in the Bull Run watershed," Ogden said.

Clare Donison of Gresham, a member of the Bull Run Coalition, said he could not support the Forest Service's selected alternative.

"By removing the blowdown, they'll create a new edge for more blowdown when the next big wind comes along," said Donison, who also represents the Pumona Grange, which has 10 chapters in Multnomah County.

Donison said the Pumona Grange and the Oregon State Grange favor the Bull Run Coalition's position that all logging activities should be banned inside the watershed.

"The value of that timber does not compare when you consider the value of that water," he said.

The Bull Run watershed provides drinking water for about 700,000 people in the metropolitan area, including Gresham.

The selected alternative would allow for the building of 2.9 miles of new road. It removes 63.8 million board feet of timber with 1,291 acres of clearcuts and 127 acres of partial cuts.

The selected alternative could be expected to create 1,000 jobs over a four-year period and contribute \$3,753,401 to county governments, according to the Forest Service.

Counties receive about 25 percent of the gross timber receipts. The Forest Service would net \$437,800 from the sale.

Copies of the environmental impact statement are available at the Columbia Gorge Ranger District, 31520 S.E. Woodard Road in Troutdale, or the Mount Hood Supervisor's Office, 2955 N.W. Division St. in Gresham.

The Bull Run watershed is managed by the Forest Service "with cooperation and consultation" from the Portland Water Bureau.

In August 1987, the Portland Water Bureau recommended to the Portland City Council that the amount of timber harvested be reduced from 2,392 acres to about 1,400 acres, and the City Council agreed.

Toastmasters club teaches eloquence

by PHIL CHRISTENSEN
Correspondent

In a day when eloquence has gone the way of the Hula Hoop, the Toastmasters still meet weekly as a support base for good communication.

A Sandy/Hoodland branch of Toastmasters International meets weekly in Hoodland. Ed Steubs is president of the new Hoodland Chapter, a group that met in Sandy until this year.

"Our primary goal is to help people improve their public speaking ability," Steubs said of the group.

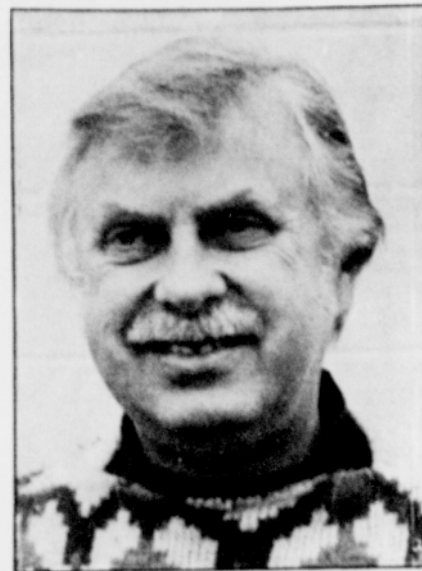
Steubs joined Toastmasters in the late 1950s and found the skills useful from both a personal and professional perspective. "It gave me a confidence earlier in life to speak in front of people. I used to stutter, but most of that has gone away."

He said he also found the skills valuable for his work in the insurance industry.

Steubs said anyone can join either by contacting an officer or simply by coming to one of the weekly meetings. "We're always looking for others to join," he said.

"It's an opportunity to meet exciting people and learn to think on your feet," Steubs said.

Steubs described the hour-long meetings as well organized. Each member is nurtured through a series of short speeches he is required to



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deliver, while others in the group act in various roles as evaluator, or table master.

Members take a sense of humor to the meetings, Steubs said. An "ah-master" listens for speakers to punctuate sentences with "ah's" and "uh's." Those taboo habits are greeted with croaking from a toy frog.

The Toastmasters group, called "T.M. on Mt.," meets weekly, alternating between Rippling River East and Mount Hood Evangelical Free Church. Steubs said the next meeting is Tuesday, April 26, at 7 a.m. at Rippling River.

POLICE LOG

On April 14, Sandy police charged Thomas Harold Sperm, 23, of Estacada, with a parole violation on an outstanding charge of driving with a suspended license.

On April 14, Alvin Earl Russell, 59, of Sandy, was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

On April 17, Jimmy Garland Wilson Jr., 19, of Boring, was charged with failing to appear on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

On April 13, police took a report of a Sylvania video recorder stolen from Mountain Video, 38950 Proctor Blvd. The video camera, valued at \$1,075, was stolen from a display

area.

On April 15, police investigated a report of break-in at the Triple XXX Drive-in, 39382 Proctor Blvd. A window was broken to gain entry. Keys to the cash register and vending machine were missing.

On April 10, Sandy police investigated an accident at the intersection of Pleasant Avenue and Hoffman Avenue. A 1965 Chevrolet driven by Ronald Wesley Williams of Sandy struck a 1981 Pontiac driven by Laura Diane Boomhower, also of Sandy. There were no injuries and no citations were issued.

IN THE MILITARY

Derek Williams

Navy Seaman Apprentice Derek M. Williams, a 1987 graduate of Sandy Union High School, has graduated from operations specialist school.

During the 15-week course, conducted at Fleet Combat Training Center, Virginia Beach, Va., Williams received instructions on the operations of surveillance and search radars, electronic recognition and identification equipment, aircraft approach control devices and electronic aids to navigation.

His studies were designed to prepare him for duty in a shipboard combat information center, or at a shore-based fleet training center.

He joined the Navy in July 1987.

Lisa Kent

Pvt. Lisa M. Kent, daughter of Calina and Mark Kent of Boring, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

She is a 1987 graduate of Sandy Union High School.

Andrew Simonis

Pvt. 1st Class Andrew J. Simonis, son of Harry and Lucille Simonis of Sandy, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Simonis is a multichannel communications system operator with the 29th Signal Battalion.

He is a 1985 graduate of Sandy Union High School.

Susan Hartke

Marine Sgt. Susan E. Hartke, daughter of Garrett Hartke of Wemme, recently reported for duty at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

A 1981 graduate of Sandy High School, she joined the Marine Corps in March 1983.

Sean Tafoya

Pvt. Sean M. Tafoya, grandson of Marcella Sciantino of Sandy, has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry

School, Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12-week period that combines combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations.

Completion of this course qualifies him as a light-weapons infantryman and an indirect-fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

His sister, Shannon Tafoya, also lives in Sandy.

The private is a 1987 graduate of Sandy High School.

Guy Joseph

Army Private Guy W. Joseph, son of James and Alice Joseph of Sandy, has completed the basic field artillery cannoner course under the one station unit training (OSUT) program at Fort Sill, Okla.

During the course, students were taught the duties of a howitzer or gun section crewman. They also received instruction in communications, maintenance and the handling of ammunition and explosives.

He is a 1987 graduate of Sandy Union High School.

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